

**A METHOD FOR ROUTING INFORMATION OVER A NETWORK
EMPLOYING CENTRALIZED CONTROL**

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

- 5 A method and apparatus for centralized control of a network is described. The network includes a number of nodes. The method includes creating a database and storing the database on a master node of the network. The database contains topology information regarding a topology of the network. Each of the nodes is coupled to at least one other of the nodes, with the master node being one of the nodes.